INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting
Humiston Building Conference Room
103 Main Street, Suite #2, Meredith, NH
September 10, 2019

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:
Mr. Richard Hanson, Chair
Mr. Howard Cunningham
Mr. Craig Baker
Mr. Mark Billings
Mr. Charley Hanson
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman
Mr. Ian McCabe, Student Rep.

Members Absent:
Mr. Mark Billings (with notice)

Administrators Present:
Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Trish Temperino, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Scott Currier
Ms. Kathleen Hill, Curriculum Coordinator
Mr. Jeremy Hillger
Mr. John Martin, Technology Director
Ms. Sarah Dumais, Athletic Director
Ms. Holly Vieten, Guidance Director

Others Present:
Press and Public

IV. STUDENT and STAFF RECOGNITION

Director of Guidance Holly Vieten introduced Inter-Lakes High School Senior Molly Durand was in attendance with her parents, Nick and Kim Durand, and her paternal grandparents, Steven and Dawn Durand; and Chelsea Crocker, Varsity Soccer Coach and mentor. Ms. Durand was recognized for receiving the Semper Fidelis All American Award. Just 100 students nationwide were selected based on grade point average, leadership and a written essay. She was also named "Hometown Hero" by WMUR and a video of the televised segment was shown during the meeting.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Joan Eversole, Meredith resident, renewed her concerns about the District's shift to – Competency-Based Learning. What would be used to evaluate its effectiveness; what would happen if CBL was a failure? Ms. Eversole referenced the U.S. News World and Report article from two years ago ranking Inter-Lakes fourth in NH for public high schools; in 2019 that ranking fell to 37th. Although the criteria for the report may have changed, all schools are ranked the same and it is of concern. She stressed if the District fails to provide an adequate education to students there is no opportunity for a do over. Ms. Eversole suggested looking to Massachusetts for ideas on how to improve Inter-Lakes.

Mrs. Moriarty noted that as in past years, the latest student assessments in October will be presented by the administration next month. The number of Advanced Placement Courses offered by schools is a significant factor in the U.S. News and World Report rankings.

Mr. C. Hanson commented that a graduate who gets a job as a truck driver and is a good citizen is as successful as one who goes on to attend an Ivy League University

Chairman Richard Hanson commented that in his 40 years in education he has never worked in a school system where people were more committed to delivering a quality education and were more willing to listen.

VI. MINUTES

A. School Board Meeting – August 13, 2019

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Regular School Board meeting. The vote was 5-0; with Ms. Merrill abstaining.

VII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the payment of bills manifest #3005. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. 2019-2020 School Year Opening

A montage of photos set to music capturing the excitement of the opening day of school created by Sandwich Central School Principal Jeremy Hillger was played for the board. A total of 77 students are enrolled in grades K-6 at SCS, according to Hillger who told the board the Sandwich Business Group donated $1,300 to help fund the school's annual trip to Washington, D.C. Students are set to participate in the study of fresh water invertebrates in the Cold River with the Green Mountain Environmental Group.

ILES Principal Kathleen Hill said the all school assembly on opening day went very well. Fourth graders started the annual Hawk Watch on Monday. A new fund-raising raffle has been launched - Lunch with the Principal. The winner will receive limonene transportation to a local restaurant. Both the DoIt Team and the custodial staff, should be complimented for all the work they completed over the summer months, Ms. Hill told the board.

Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Principal Scott Currier said a student group helped guide what opening day looked like. Senior Taylor Ambrose was a "rock star" as emcee for the event that included decorations and music by the school band. Student ambassadors helped new students find their classrooms. Currier handed out Inter-Lakes magnets to parents and said many cars are now sporting them. New Athletic Director Sarah Dumais is helping build school spirit.

Mr. C. Hanson said the feedback he has received from teachers, coaches and friends is that this year is the best start of school ever. He noted this season's proliferation of Monarch butterflies and asked whether they were being used in

the curriculum. Principal Hill said she has reared several butterfly pupa at home and brought others to school for students to observe.

B. Enrollment

Mrs. Moriarty reported that the current enrollment is 1,021 a decline of six students from June.

C. DOE-25 Financial Report for the 2018-2019 School Year

Assistant Superintendent Temperino said the financial report has been submitted and is now under review with the N.H. Department of Education. The Legislature has not yet been able to reach agreement on a budget and as a result, education funding revenues remain unknown at present. The board will be asked to approve the DOE-25 at their next business meeting.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

None

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2019-2020 Hiring Update

The current budget funded 58.91 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Para-Educator positions. Reflective of student needs there will be 66.01 FTE Para-Educators; an increase of three. The District is looking to hire four more Para-Educators.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Donation

$2,575.00 from the Hearts & Hands Thrift Shop to support Lynn Lyons' presentation for Inter-Lakes Middle/High School on strategies to deal with stress and anxiety.

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to accept the donation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. POLICY

No action required.

XIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Members of the Board

Chairman Hanson said prior to beginning formal negotiations with the Inter-Lakes Education Association he was recommending the full board join ILEA representatives and have dinner.

Mr. Baker commended that his family moved to the district seven years ago from Michigan. His three sons graduated from Inter-Lakes and have gone to university to continue their studies. A lot of factors go in to ranking schools and Baker said, many of which are not readily apparent. He believes his sons received more personalized attention at Inter-Lakes than had they remained in Michigan. He commented that the Inter-Lakes School District does a lot more than would ever be recognized by a ranking system such as U.S. News & World Report.

Mr. C. Hanson gave notice that he would be unable to attend the September 24th meeting.

B. Members of the Administration None

XIV. PUBLIC INPUT –

Joan Eversole, Meredith, said she is usually the only member of the public who attends Board meetings, who is not employed by the District. She said she felt ridiculed by Mr. Cunningham's comments and felt her questions about the effectiveness of competency-based learning were legitimate.

She asked for proof that any school that was doing well and got better after adopting competency-based learning. She reiterated her belief that many schools have abandoned it because over time it is not working.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – Inter-Lakes Middle High School

- Reception for new staff – **5:30-6:30 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – Inter-Lakes Middle/High School

- Inter-Lakes Policy Review Committee – **5:00 p.m.**
- Inter-Lakes Special School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

C. Tuesday, October 8, 2019 – Humiston Building Conference Room

- Inter-Lakes Policy Review Committee – **5:00 p.m.**
- Inter-Lakes Special School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

D. Tuesday, October 22, 2019 – Location to be determined

- Inter-Lakes Policy Review Committee – **5:00 p.m.**
- Inter-Lakes Special School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

XVI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 6:55 p.m. Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, second by Mr. C. Hanson enter Non Public Session to discuss Students/Staff Personnel, under RSA 91-A:3 II(a)(c). The Board Secretary polled the members; the motion carried unanimously.

Public Session

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, the Board return to Public Session at 7:21p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Bea Lewis Wheeler
School District Clerk